

REMARKS

Figures

The figures were inadvertently omitted when filing this divisional application. On the Utility Patent Application Transmittal form PTO/SB/05 (11-00) box 18 is checked which states that

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

Thus submitting the drawings inadvertently omitted at filing is proper as such drawings were incorporated by reference.

A Brief Description of Drawings section is added to the specification.

Obviousness type Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants will attend to this rejection after allowable matter has been identified in this application.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

The Office Action alleges that claim 21 is confusing. Applicants respectfully disagree. The term "twisted nematic" is a term of art and refers to a class of liquid crystal (lc) layers, which is usually abbreviated as "TN," i.e., this term is the title or name of these types of lc layers, but it does not mean that such cannot have a zero or essentially zero degree of twist, for example, at a given point in time. Just because the name of these types of lc layers contains the term "twisted" it does not mean that there must be a twist under all circumstances. Analogously, an angle of zero degrees is still an "angle".

Accordingly, claim 21 is not confusing.

Applicants additionally attach a copy of US 5,883,687, assigned to IBM Corp., which teaches on column 8, lines 1-12, twisted nematic (TN) liquid crystal strips having possible 0°

twists. This further demonstrates the understanding of those of ordinary skill in this field that TN having a 0° twist is possible.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102, and Withdrawn Claims

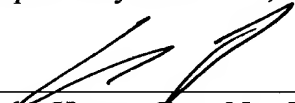
These rejections are moot. The allegedly anticipated claims and the withdrawn claims are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New Claims

New claims 34-39 correspond in order to claims 3-5, 7, 8, and 14 from the parent 07/828,904, which were pending therein when such application was abandoned. Claims 3, 7, and 8 were allowed, and claims 4, 5, and 14 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 of U.S. 6,327,010. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the last Office Action from the parent is attached. Applicants request the consideration of these claims in addition to the ones in this application and submit that such would not pose an undue burden.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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